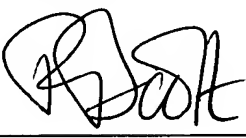


**REMARKS**

Applicant respectfully requests that the foregoing amendments be made before examination of the present application. The specification was amended to delete reference to Figures 1-5. A first office action on the merits is awaited.

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